

# The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## The Eighteenth Annual Assembly of The Churches of God Goes Down on the Pages of History as the Greatest Assembly in the History of the Church

The Opening or Introductory Service was on the Evening of October 31, Hundreds of Saints Had Gathered in From Various States and Foreign Fields, and With Glad Hearts Greeted Each Other, and the Presence of God was Known and felt From the Very Beginning

Never in the history of the Church in recent years has such harmony and spiritual unity prevailed.

All the speakers seemed to have a fresh anointing for the service they were to render.

The reports from the various states and foreign fields were marked with great enthusiasm.

Wave after wave of glory swept over the large congregation and the shouts of the saints fairly reverberated the air.

F. J. Lee was selected for General Overseer, J. S. Llewellyn for Editor and Publisher and J. B. Ellis, Superintendent of Education, the three composing the Executive Council for the ensuing Assembly year.

The financial reports were far beyond the expectations of many and the prospects bid fair for the coming year.

### The First Wednesday Night And Thursday of the Eighteenth Annual Assembly

Mrs. Bertie Harrison

"Truly the Lord is in His holy temple" was the impression one received on entering the Auditorium on the evening of the opening of the 18th Annual Assembly of the Churches of God.

As Sister Heath took her place at the piano, Brother Haynes announced that wonderful old hymn which has blessed many hearts for ages past, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Oh how wonderful to hear almost every voice in that great audience singing of that precious Friend, who is truly a friend in every time of need, and then as we took up the strains of, "When My Name is Called in Glory I'll Be There," the very windows of heaven opened up and the showers of the latter rain began to fall upon us. Saints were dancing and shouting under the mighty power of God.

Our General Overseer, Brother F. J. Lee, then read a Scripture lesson, Psa. 99 and 100. He assured us that we were in perfect order when we praised the Lord, saying that we should serve the Lord with gladness and not with long faces. As he looked out over that great congregation he said, no one here tonight looks discouraged, the response, No! rang out through the whole Assembly. Oh hallelujah!

How my heart really desires to give out to those who were not here just a touch of the inspiration we have received.

Dear reader won't you attune your heart to catch the spirit of these meetings as you read, so that you too may go forward with new enthusiasm and courage another year.

An opportunity for requests for prayer was given to which many responded. And as we went down on our faces before the Lord, with groanings which cannot be uttered, to plead for the sick and afflicted ones who were on our hearts, it reminded us, of the noise of many waters; and we were made to realize that there is a remnant who are contending for the faith once delivered to the saints, and who believe that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever."

We then listened to a welcome address by Brother J. B. Ellis, who took for a text, "The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob." His address, which will

be found elsewhere in the Evangel, was inspiring and helpful and we are sure no visitor felt strange when he had finished his address.

Next came the response from the field. Brother E. L. Simmons came first, and in his usual happy manner he soon made us feel that he was at home.

He said from the very first call to come to the Assembly his heart responded, and he was glad he was here. Brother Will Black, Sister Ella Fry Holt and Sister Lettie Cross followed with interesting and helpful addresses, telling of the shadows that had crossed their pathway during the year, as the clouds of discouragement hovered over, but God had been with them and carried them safely through and up to this great gathering together of the saints, for God was truly opening up the clouds and letting in the beautiful sunlight of His presence. Hallelujah!

Thursday morning we went to the Auditorium early in order to get a seat, and as we entered the building the shouts and praises rang out all over the house. Saints were dancing and praising God and enjoying a feast of good things. At the appointed hour for opening the house was filled with people and the glory of God.

An inspiring song service and prayer was followed by the roll call of the states. Alabama with Brother Dunn as overseer and a large number of representatives, singing, "I'm Going That Way" and carrying a banner with these words, "So built we the wall and all the wall was joined together." As they sang the power fell and there was much shouting. Brother Dunn and others gave a report of their work which was enjoyed by all.

Arkansas came next with Brother E. C. Scarbrough as overseer and more representatives than ever before, carrying a banner on which was a picture of Christ walking on the waves, etc., and the words, "Christ is our pilot," and singing, "That Will Be a Happy Day." Brother Scarbrough gave an interesting talk and stated that during the upheaval the past year that Arkansas had not lost any preachers or churches, but had gained five churches and built one church house.

As Florida was called a large delegation arose and sang,

"Heaven Bound Train," with hoisted banners containing the word, "Loyalty," which means something in these days. Brother Payne, in the absence of Brother J. L. Stephens, (on account of the illness of his father) gave a good report, saying that the Church of God in Florida has always been loyal. He read the 133rd Psalm and stated that they had been having unity, and that God had been with them and promised never to leave nor forsake them. Brother Curry, with a goodly number, represented the colored work in this state. He said he was glad to be here to represent the colored churches. He stated that some people said the Church of God was going down, but he believed it was going up. They sang, "I Will Not Be Removed."

Oh how God poured out His Spirit as the different bands of delegates came forward with their enthusiasm and zeal for the Church of God which we all love so dearly, and hardly a state was represented without the power of God falling in a marvelous way.

Georgia came with a large delegation bringing great enthusiasm, singing, "When the Roll is Called up Yonder." Brother Latimer, the state overseer, and others spoke of the work in Georgia, and said that there was less division in this state than any other. He said that he had a noble consecrated band of workers, but they needed more as people all over the state are looking toward the Church of God and are hungry for her teachings. He said they had lost only one preacher this year and gained three.

The Illinois delegation assured us of their loyalty by singing, "I Have Started for the Kingdom and I Won't Turn Back." They came with fifteen delegates. Brother D. P. Barnett is the state overseer. They carried a banner with anchors in each corner, assuring us that they were anchored in the Church of God. He said that Illinois was one of the greatest fields and pled for workers saying, we will stand by any who come, both financially and spiritually.

Brother J. M. Viney and Brother Burk represented Kansas and sang "I'll Be Satisfied." Brother Viney said he was proud to represent the great state of Kansas, and he would not be satisfied until the Church of God could launch out and take the state for Jesus Christ.

Brother Burk stated that Kansas was a ripe field and we want men who will stand for the truth and are willing to die for the cause.

As the Kentucky delegation arose to represent this disturbed state, we saw in a moment that God had many precious loyal saints who had stood the storms and had come out victorious, shouting the victory. And it is said to be one of the largest delegations the state has ever had. They came up to the platform sixty strong, led by their overseer, Brother J. B. Ellis, singing, "As I Journey Through the Land." Brother Ellis spoke in the highest terms of the saints of Kentucky and commended their loyalty to the Church of God.

The banner carried by the delegates from Louisiana was very impressive, having on it the words, "Louisiana Confused." After they had explained how their state had gone through the cloud and many had been confused and discouraged they turned over a fly leaf and

brought to view the words, "Louisiana settled for the Church of God." "Love, truth and unity our motto." Brother Payne, their overseer, gave a report of the work and how it melted our hearts as he told of the wonderful way in which God had led them through the darkness into His marvelous light.

Brother E. Haynes with Sister Haynes and Brother and Sister Cross came representing Michigan. Each of them gave interesting talks and their theme was more workers for our state. Brother Haynes said that he had expected to have more representatives this year, but Satan hindered.

Next, the same overseer came forward bringing with him a large delegation from Mississippi, singing, "When We Meet to Part no More." They too sounded forth the Macedonian call, "Come over and help us."

Brother Viney from Missouri came with a small delegation but made us to realize that this salvation was worth while as they sang, "We Are Finding Glory all Along the Way." They carried a banner with a lamb in the Savior's arms and one at His side, impressing upon us the fact that Jesus is really caring for the lambs.

One of the largest delegations came from North Carolina, with Brother S. W. Latimer as overseer, singing, "Built on the Rock", which expressed their loyalty to the Church of God.

Three representatives came with Brother John Attey from the state of North Dakota. He made a plea for the Indians, who are hungry for the gospel and calling for workers, also a school for the training of these precious souls.

The Ohio delegation came bringing with them great waves of glory. As they sang, "Beautiful Life," people all over the house were dancing, shouting and praising God. Brother W. C. Rembert, state overseer, made a strong plea for Home Missions, urging the church to finance the ministers in opening up new fields of labor.

Three representatives came bringing the message and Macedonian call from Oklahoma. Brother John Burk is the state overseer, and reports victory in many places.

South Carolina came carrying with them a banner with these words, "Lord we are following hard after Thee." Psa. 63:8, also "Christ our pattern." at the top was "Love and joy." Brother Culpepper, the state overseer, and others spoke of the work in this state and the Lord wonderfully blessed as they sang, "We'll Trade the Old Cross for a Crown."

Virginia, with Brother H. B. Simmons as state overseer, came with discouraging outlook in the natural, but as we are not looking to the natural, we believe God will work in a marvelous way this coming year. Brother J. A. Davis made his confession, and said he was sorry he didn't take a stand sooner. He requested the people of the Assembly to forgive him.

The evening service opened with an inspiring song service and prayer, after which the roll call of the states was continued.

The Texas delegation was small, but they came with encouraging reports from the field of love and unity, standing foursquare for the Church of God. Brother Scoggins is state overseer. They sang, "I'm Going Home."

Brother O. R. Rouse stood alone in representing Colorado

## WELCOME ADDRESS

J. B. Ellis

Feel at Home

It is our pleasure on this occasion to receive among us our beloved brothers and sisters of the various churches from their respective places of labor.

Your presence among us is indeed an honor highly appreciated by the Church of God at Cleveland, Tenn.

We feel a particular pleasure in having this great Assembly of the Churches of God here in our home town and church.

We are One  
We are one large family and our brothers and sisters have come home for a few days. We are glad to see them again and have the privilege of enjoying the fellowship and love we have one for the other, and truly there is a fellowship and love existing between us that is not to be found anywhere else in this world. Oh! this love is

and New Mexico. He said the only thing necessary to bring a good representation to the Assembly from these states is men to preach the gospel. He also said that almost every nationality is located in these two states.

Brother E. L. Simmons, overseer of West Virginia, came with his loyal band carrying a banner, with a woman pictured on it, with a snake under her feet. The word "Overcomers", was written under the picture. This was very impressive, and we all seen the point. Brother Simmons spoke very highly of his loyal band and said they had stood foursquare for the Church of God. They sang "The West Virginia Hills."

Brother Poteat, overseer of Pennsylvania, came standing alone, but greatly encouraged, and calling for help, asking those who come to be sure God sends them. He said that the people would stand by those whom the Lord sends.

Tennessee, with Brother Letsinger as overseer, had the largest delegation. Only the ministers were permitted to march to the platform. One of the most interesting things that Brother Letsinger spoke of was his confusion in the early part of this year, and how God used the illness of his son to bring him to a realization that he must stand for the Church of God. But that now he was settled. The remaining part of the Tennessee delegation were permitted to raise their hands in recognition of their state and overseer. They sang, "Everybody Will be Happy Over There." Brother and Sister W. H. Jones sang a duet for us.

The Alabama brass band having arrived gave us some soul stirring music.

Dear saints of God, it was truly wonderful how God set his seal upon the work of this first day of the Assembly. Great waves of glory swept over the audience from time to time until we had a foretaste of that translating power that will be the means of lifting us up to meet our precious Lord in the air. Oh hallelujah!

Then at times as the Macedonian call came from every nook and corner of the great harvest field, we were melted to tears and our hearts were lifted to God, that he would send forth laborers into His vineyard. The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few.

great and our fellowship is inexpressibly sweet.

Another year has passed with its conflicts, its battles, its sorrows and heartaches, as well as its victories. You with us have shared alike in all the problems we have had to meet. In our different and widely scattered fields of labor, we have often had that lonesome and homesick feeling and longed for the inspiration that comes with our home gathering. God has been good to us, and we are all back home again, and that good old fashioned home feeling is filling our hearts with indescribable joy. I feel it now, and it is better felt than told.

Our Home Coming in the Skies

Only one thing we can think of that surpasses this occasion and that is our home coming in the skies. How much like this occasion is our final and great home gathering to that last great Assembly of all the blood washed and Spirit filled who have lived in all ages of the world.

When we started to this Assembly we left our business and everything behind. Between us and this place were many trestles, dangerous curves, dusty roads and dark tunnels. What cared we for the dangerous and wearisome journey? The thought of our home coming inspired us and we shouted in the dark tunnels and over the dusty roads, for we were coming home. And now that we are here, meeting and greeting our brothers and sisters, and enjoying this sweet fellowship, the toils of the road seem nothing for we are at the end of the way. There is only one thing to mar the blessedness of this occasion and that is, many of our brothers and sisters who have hitherto met with us have fallen out by the way and are not here.

Many years ago we gave up all and started to the great Assembly in the skies. Our fare has been paid and our baggage checked to the great terminal station in heaven and we are on our way. Ever and anon we are plunged into dark tunnels, we are scarcely out of the dark tunnel to where we enjoy the fresh air and bright sunlight, till we are on a high trestle or dangerous curve and such is life; but what care we for the tunnels, the trestles, or the curves. This is the heaven bound train and Jesus is the conductor, our ticket calls for the great central depot in heaven, and we will get there if we don't get scared and jump off. Our friends and loved ones will meet us at the depot with cheers and loud acclamation of welcome. The reception and entertainment committees will take charge of us and conduct us to the great marriage supper of the Lamb at the head of that long! long! table with its millions seated on either side.

I see an old man with long white flowing beard, and I wonder who he is, but I am so awed with the greatness of the occasion that I dare not open my mouth. Finally a voice clear and distinct calls out in reverential tone, Father Abraham, return

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help us make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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## LETTER FROM CHINA

Tsinanfu Shantung, China.  
August 14, 1923.

Dear ones of the Church of God in America, Love and Christian Greetings to you every one, from the least to the greatest:

This is just a little love note this afternoon. As it was just a year ago I was so busy making my arrangements to leave you all again for China, my thoughts have been with you much during these days, and the many dear ones we met while at home. Especially those who so kindly entertained us in their homes, aided us on our journey in so many ways, and helped me so sweetly with my dear little children.

Often I live over all those journeyings again in my mind—the arrival in Seattle, Wash. with only a few dollars (which we soon lived out) and must pay our passage to Georgia, with other pressing needs and obligations. Those were such dark days. I shall not soon forget how dear little Joel would get us down to prayer many times when we would have done something else. Just Joel, Roy and I in that little cold room, but God will hear from any place. Bless His dear name. After a few days our needs were fully met, hallelujah!

A message from the telegraph office said for me to call there for money which proved to be from my father-in-law. I had just learned that I must leave Seattle inside of ten days from my arrival in order to get railway Trans Pacific privileges and therefore it would be necessary for me to get my ticket and leave next day. After a few minutes the bank telephoned me to call there for money, which was one hundred dollars from my sister and husband, God bless them. As soon as they received word that we had arrived back in America, her dear husband said they must send us money to come to Georgia on and got out his bank books to see how much he could send, and did all he could. Truly, they will not lose their reward. Bro. Tomlinson sent us \$200.00 from headquarters. So you see you all had a part in helping in that dark hour.

We arrived in dear old Georgia

a week before Christmas. Friends and loved ones were so good to us, we hardly knew how to partake of their love and hospitality. My dear sister and family had worked so hard, and made so many clothes for the children and I. Truly we felt so unworthy of it all, and our hearts were so melted before the Lord. We gave thanks to Him who had done exceedingly abundantly above all we could have thought or asked. Also Brother and Sister Hamil and Brother and Sister Williams were untiring in their efforts for us.

After spending about three months in the home with my sister and family, where kind hands had done so much for us, we started on our long and eventful journey of "Stirring the Churches". Roy was ten years old, Joel three; and Deborah the Prophetess, whom the dear Lord had just given us to help lead us forth to victory, was three months old. Our first meeting was at the Hazlehurst District Conference with dear Brother and Sister Heath and the dear ones. God did greatly bless and we all had such a blessed time together. I have ever since coveted Brother and Sister Heath for China. If they could only make a trip of a year out here it would mean so much, I believe. We were entertained in the home of dear Brother and Sister Hipps, who with their family did all they could for our comfort. May God bless and reward them, as we realize it was not easy for people to take, in a family.

From there we went to visit with relatives in South Georgia, and had several meetings with the dear ones in Valdosta, my old home town. It was so good to see the dear ones there again, but some we knew and loved so well are not there now. From there we stopped for a few days with relatives and friends in Macon, Ga. where we formerly lived and worked for Jesus before ever coming to China. Then we went over to the Alabama State Assembly where we had been invited by the State Overseer, Bro. Wilemon, stopping for a few days visit with relatives near Birmingham. Well, its needless for me to say that they had a

great time at that Assembly. The saints shouted and shouted, and it seemed when they would begin to shout I would have to cry. I would think of my brothers and sisters over here in dark China with such struggles and burdens upon them and the many heathen who would believe and be saved if they only had some one to tell them, and how the work over here was suffering for help and I could not but weep. Even our children enjoyed the meetings very much in Alabama City. We shall not soon forget the dear ones there even though many of their names we do not remember. The precious sister who so sweetly entertained us we could not forget, although we do not remember her name and address yet I have always wanted to write to her. She was especially kind to me and my little ones as was all her family. May God bless and reward them and her husband.

From Alabama City we went to Cleveland, Tenn. Dear Brother and Sister Tomlinson received us so sweetly, as did all we met while there. I remember Sister Tomlinson had told me that we would room up stairs, and later I took up some of my things and I saw two rooms one with two double beds and I said to myself that, no, that was not for us. I looked in the next room and saw a double and single bed and thought that must be the one she meant. Later when I inquired she said no, it was the one with the two double beds. We were so tired and it seemed too good to be true to have TWO double beds for myself and three children to rest on. It just happened that some of her people were away and she could give us that room. We had a lovely sweet restful visit there with them and were so glad of the opportunity of getting acquainted with those at Headquarters. Dear Brother and Sister Llewellyn had us over to see them and made us feel so at home. Also in the large auditorium.

From Cleveland we went to a District Conference at Kannapolis, N. C. We were indeed glad to meet with all the saints there, Brother and Sister Hass entertained us in their home and were so good to us we were almost loath to leave them. I would love to say a great deal about the kindness of the different ones but time and space forbids. The Lord knows and He will reward all that was done for His glory. From there we went back to my sister's near Savannah to await the great Wimauma Camp Meeting. On our way down to Wimauma we stopped over Sunday in Jacksonville and worshipped with the saints there. We were especially glad to meet dear Brother and Sister Johnson who are such faithful workers of the Church. They were so good to us too and are doing a fine work in Jacksonville. God bless all the dear ones there.

We stopped off at Plant City to visit my sister who I had not seen in twenty years, and went from there to Wimauma, arriving the day before the meeting started. We were given the dormitory to live in and liked it fine until it began to FILL UP with people, and we were told that it would overflow by Sunday. We felt we could stand it, but being already tired and in need of rest from our term in the Orient, and much traveling and many meetings yet ahead of us, to say nothing of the journey back to China, and having no home to go to and rest after the meetings like others, God was good to give a more quiet place in the home of dear Brother and Sister Martin. I can never forget their kindness and love to one of the least on His little ones. Precious grandma Moody has done so much for us, as many of you know.

The next meeting was in Louisville, Ky. where the dear Lord opened up the windows of heaven upon us, and it was so blessed to be there and meet with the dear ones. Dear Brother and Sister Ray and family, Brother and Sister Devers and Brother and Sister Freeman were so good to us. Also the pastor and others I would like to speak of, but hope to meet them here in China soon so won't say more. We went from there to Middletown, Ohio and

Brother Beagle was in a tent meeting. They were not expecting us, as most places we went we did not notify any one that we were coming for we didn't seem sure if we would get there or not. The precious sister who entertained us in her home was so good to us. Although we do not remember her name, the Lord knows and will reward her. From there we went to Akron, Ohio where the dear Lord blessed us all together. Dear Brother and Sister Cresty entertained us in their home and did so much for us, also sisters and brothers on the outside. God bless the Akron saints. We would love to get a line from some of them.

We had been traveling around so long, were so worn and the children not well, we had sores from mosquito bites and one of the children with sore eyes, so we did not see how we could go on any longer. Then it seemed so clear to us that the Lord's time had come for us to visit my precious son who is in school in Massachusetts, so we went there and had three blessed weeks with him. An old gentleman entertained us in his lovely little farmhouse where we had such sweet quiet and rest and gained sufficient strength for our return trip to China. They would only let us pay them five dollars for our stay there and have since then sent us ten. God bless them. From there we went to New York City. It was hard to leave my son, who was more than seventeen and working hard for an education. I did not let him know I felt sad, and continued to smile and be happy, but after he put us on the train and left us the hot tears flowed freely. That night in New York as I kneeled by my bedside praying, I thought of my son I was leaving and began praying for him. I felt I can't go back to China and leave him and began to weep. I jumped up from my knees at once, ceased praying and put it all behind me. I love him most dearly, would love so much to see him and think of him a great deal but the dear Lord has given me victory since that night. Bless His precious name! Pray for my son, dear ones. He is very precious to me, and if our Lord carries he will be in the work here in China. He is so capable, has real ability, the Chinese all like him so much and he speaks their language so fluently. He wants an education and has been working very hard to get it. May God truly crown his efforts with success and may he be ready when Jesus comes.

Dear Brother and Sister Homer Tomlinson were so kind and helpful to us and we were so glad to meet them and be in their home. From there we went to Detroit, and if all the other saints will pardon me, it seemed that the dear Lord had reserved the best for the last. It would be hard to tell about the good time we had in Detroit and what all the saints did for us there and name the different ones, etc., and get this letter off on the next boat. But I must say that we cannot thank Sister Amos Brown and her husband and sweet sister enough for looking after us so tenderly while in their home. Dear Mother Floyd, whom we met before we came to China the first time and who helped us all along during those days, was also there and did so much for us. Besides the liberal Church offering, dear, Mother Floyd felt it would be so hard for us to go all the way to Vancouver in a day coach, so gave me twenty-five dollars to be used for me to have a sleeper with the babies, which was more than enough. In telling another Brother, the clerk of the Church, about it he took out five dollars and handed it to me, besides what he had given in the collection. Most precious of all was Brother and Sister Swan's help. She had just come into the Church and he, making no profession whatever, felt to buy our tickets from there to Chicago for us and pay for them himself. He was not satisfied with one pullman berth for us and just would get us two, which certainly proved to be the will of the Lord, as we were so tired we were sick. He and his dear wife spent out much more money

on us, I suppose not less than thirty dollars in all. Truly God will bless and reward them, and although he was not then a brother in the Church he certainly was one to me. Praise God. Sister's Reah and Smith-gal did a great deal for us, and all the dear ones there. We were so glad to see Brother and Sister Haynes up at Port Huron, where we went as a side trip from Detroit. They are still in the battle and gaining great victories. Praise God.

It was precious to have the Detroit saints, several of them, accompany us to the train, and in the name and for the whole Church of God, tell us good-by and bid us God's speed on our journey back to China. I'll not take time to tell you of the stop over in Chicago, and the tremendous amount of business to be attended to which, humanly speaking, could not have been accomplished in such a short time, but God so marvelous worked and things went off beautifully. The long trip across the continent to Vancouver, how wonderfully God undertook and the sweet friends we met who were such a help, then in Vancouver where wonders were really accomplished in His name. Hallelujah!

I must now stop and say good-bye to each and every one of you and send this to Brother Llewellyn and ask him to please find space in the Evangel for this, if possible, and you must each one accept it as a personal letter to YOU.

Lots of dear love.

Your sister in Jesus,  
Jennie B. Rushin,

## State Overseers

Appointment of State Overseers for the Ensuing Assembly Year Are As Follows:

Alabama,	G. C. Dunn
Arizona,	J. A. Brown
Arkansas,	E. C. Scarbrough
Bahamas,	M. Padgett
California,	J. A. Brown
Colorado,	O. R. Rouse
Florida,	John L. Stephens
Georgia,	S. W. Latimer
Illinois,	W. G. Rembert
Indiana,	W. G. Rembert
Kansas,	John Burk
Kentucky,	G. A. Fore
Louisiana,	T. A. Richard
Maryland,	H. W. Poteat
Michigan,	E. Haynes
Mississippi,	Z. D. Simpson
Minnesota,	Paul Walker
Missouri,	John Burk
New Mexico,	O. R. Rouse
North Carolina,	T. L. McLain
North Dakota,	Paul Walker
Ohio,	D. P. Barnett
Oklahoma,	J. M. Viney
Pennsylvania,	H. W. Poteat
South Carolina,	J. W. Culpepper
Tennessee,	M. W. Letsinger
Texas,	H. N. Scoggins
Virginia,	H. B. Simmons
West Virginia,	E. L. Simmons
Overseer Colored Work,	David La Fleur.

## CONVENTIONS FOR MISSISSIPPI

Will convene on the following dates. Thorn church, Nov. 28th to Dec. 1st. Church is located 6 miles West of Houston. All trains met on 28th, conveyance provided.

Morgantown, Miss. beginning Tuesday, Dec. 3rd closing Thursday night Dec. 6th.

All ministers, deacons and clerks are expected to attend the convention nearest you.

Z. D. Simpson,  
State Overseer.

## WANTS TO ATTEND BIBLE SCHOOL

Dear Evangel Readers:

I am glad and thankful that I am still in the Church that the Lord told Peter He would build, and that the gates of hell should not prevail against. Glory to God.

The Bible School reflects a dear memory to my mind. Let us as school boys and girls, hoist our flag and let our lights shine for the school. I do not know whether I will get to attend the school this winter or not, but dear students, if I am not in school my prayers will be for you night and day. I remember the blessings that I received while in school last fall, and how I loved the students and teachers. It makes me think, Oh will I be missing next term.

I would like to read a letter from all who will be in school. Your brother in the work,  
Walker F. Willis,  
Covington, Tenn.

## WELCOME ADDRESS (Continued from Page 1)

thanks. I look toward the head of the table and this venerable old patriarch, the father of the faithful, with uplifted hands begins to thank God for the home coming of his big family, which is now as the stars of heaven and the sands of the sea for number, and closes by asking God's blessings on the occasion. What follows is almost too sacred to undertake to describe. The orchestra of heaven will lay aside their instrument of music, angels and arch angels will drop their crowns of gold, cherubim, seraphim and all heaven is awed in silence as Jesus girds Himself and begins to serve His honored Bride. When He comes to my plate, What will I do? Oh glory! I can say no more about this.

After the supper we will be conducted to the great auditorium of heaven, the temple of the new Jerusalem. It needs no light of the sun, moon or stars, it needs no candle, for God is its light. A service is arranged. The old choir who has so long furnished the music steps aside and a little lad of ruddy complexion mounts the rostrum. I ask his name and am told it is little David. With a clear, strong voice he announces a new song, a song never heard before in heaven—the song of Moses and the Lamb. His fingers glide over the keys of his harp of gold, and the sweetest music ever heard fills the place. The whole Assembly joins in the chorus and forms a big choir as we sing of redeeming grace.

I seldom dance or shout, but I feel like on this occasion I will lose all control of myself, run up and down the long aisles of that big auditorium and it will be the greatest moment of my life.

I want to be there. Don't you? Well, if we keep coming to this one, I believe we will get to go to that one, don't you?

## ENTERTAINMENT

The entertainment committee has rendered faithful service and secured the greatest number of homes and beds since this holy convocation has been going.

## A CLEAR SKY

M. S. Lemons

The shadows and clouds, mist and fog has at last been blown away by the breath of Almighty providence and power. Clouds that hung low and almost obscured the light of love and peace has at last been carried into the back grounds, and rest before the vision as a spectacle of wonder. Death, doubt, disappointment and fear has been moved so far away that hope and joy, sunshine and gladness has filled every nook and corner.

The hearts of the happy pilgrims are filled with jubilant songs and the sunshine of joy and gladness. Truth has so beautifully illuminated the way that the hearts of the pilgrims are made glad. New visions of radiated rapture is brilliantly dawning upon the once supposed rough and thorny way. Hearts are being made glad, confidence is being restored and hopes of a better day is upon us. Why should we not rejoice; heaven's blessings are ours; success and honor awaits us. All we need is to keep our heads above the waves, and look for the golden lining to the once dark cloud of doubt and fear.

We are now entering upon new duties and new fields of labor. Our liabilities are not so great. We are not financially embarrassed as before. The good hand of providence has lifted the great burden of debt and responsibility. Thank God for new visions of love and light, beauty and grandeur, hope and glory. We go forth with renewed energies of love and light, beauty and splendor, power and truth, confidence and courage. All honor be to Him who died for us.

## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Our prayer meetings are still going on at Gray Eagle, W. Va. I praise God for the many who have been saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost at this place. Three have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost in the last two weeks. Pray for us. John Stanley, Grey Eagle, W. Va.

Jesus confirmed His Word with signs following in Akron, Ohio. We have just closed a three weeks meeting here. Our district overseer, L. G. Rouse of Toledo, Ohio was with us two weeks. The Lord wonderfully blessed him in preaching, also in healing. Many were wonderfully touched by the healing power of Jesus. Praise His holy name. One was saved, two sanctified and one added to the Church. Reports D. G. Phillips, clerk, Akron, Ohio.

We closed a twelve days meeting at Joplin, Mo. Sept. 11. The Lord worked in a wonderful way and is still working. There were two saved, four sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and six added to the Church of God. The saints were wonderfully revived, and some were healed by the mighty power of God, as well as many other manifestations of the Spirit.

Brother John Burk did most of the preaching, while Bros. J. M. Viney and E. M. Mead were present with their help. Reports, C. A. James, clerk.

We have just closed a meeting near Star Station, eight miles from Live Oak, Fla. We set a Church in order, with six members. All have the Holy Ghost except one. Some more to come in later.

I appointed Sister W. H. Miller secretary and treasurer, and Bro. W. S. Hewitt, class leader and deacon. They expect to build a house of worship soon. Bro. Miller gave the land to build on.

There is good interest at this place and many are looking this way. All pray for the little band there, that they may grow in grace and keep humble. Writes, W. A. Sullivan, Bradford, Fla.

Brother W. T. Green and Brother Reagan Allison, have just closed a meeting at this place. Brother Allison did most of the preaching. One was saved, one sanctified and one received the Holy Ghost.

We observed the Lord's supper and feet washing, and God gave us a good time. Saints came in from Kingston, Alcoa, Maryville, Sevierville and Burlington.

We are standing as one for the Church of God and the ten Elders, and the Lord is blessing us in a wonderful way.

The dear Lord is admonishing us to stand true to Him a little while longer, for He will soon come to take us to Himself. Bless His dear name. Reports, Eliza Hicks, Townsend, Tenn.

I want to report victory for the Church of God in Texas. We have just had our State Conventions which proved a great success. We held a three days meeting at Paris for the eastern part of the state, and also three days at Weatherford for the western part. Brother H. N. Scoggins, our State Overseer, was in charge of the meeting at each place. The Lord surely did bless in every service. This was our first effort in a State Convention and we are encouraged to have more.

We are pleased with our Overseer and desire to have him another year. The Church is moving forward in Texas.

F. M. McLendon,  
Point, Tex.

On Sept. 8th we began a meeting one mile South of Winona, Miss. under a large arbor. The meeting began Saturday night. Brother G. G. Williams of Gloster preached the first sermon. We were expecting Brother Z. D. Simpson, but he did not reach us until the meeting had run for a week. Sisters Nellie Lovett and Maggie Free were doing the preaching until Brother and Sister Haynes came. Brother Haynes preached one night and Sister Haynes one night. The meeting continued with growing interest until Brother Simpson came, which was Saturday night. He brought the messages with power, and people fell in the altar for prayer. We had one saved, three sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Eternity alone will reveal the good that was done. People came up and acknowledged they had said hard things about the holiness people, and that they were ignorant of what they were doing. The crowd was immense the last night. It was estimated 2,000 people were present. Five were added to the Church of God. We had a wonderful time. People here now feel better towards the holiness people, for which we praise God.

Your brother in Christ,  
J. H. Vance.

On the 29th of September we left home for Ehren, Fla. and had services there Saturday night and Sunday. The Lord set His approval on every service.

On Sunday night grandma Cooper came into the Church. She is about 70 years old. It was wonderful how

the power of God was manifested, when her face shown almost as that of an angel. She had never been a member of any organization until she came into the Church of God. It seemed the entire Church was wonderfully blessed. Glory to Jesus.

On Monday we went to Hudson, Fla. and began a revival. The Lord was in every service there. We gave out the Word with all the God given power we had. Some backsliders were reclaimed and the Church wonderfully edified. A closer fellowship with the saints could be seen and felt.

On Tuesday night there were three came back into the church who were once members. Glory to Jesus. There was conviction on most every sinner present, and outsiders said it was the best service they were ever in.

Brother and Sister Clark assisted in the song service and altar work. Reports, Evan C. Merritt and wife.

Sister Maggie Free, assisted by Sister Nellie Lovett and Sister Willie Maud Standard, just closed a meeting at this place. Sister Viriya Webb, the blind girl, was our musician. Other workers came in occasionally.

God blessed and His power was manifested in a marvelous way. The signs followed believers and there was shouting, dancing, talking in tongues, handling of fire, and healing the sick. Even T. B. and chills went before the mighty power of God.

Several souls were saved, six sanctified and three received the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence according to Acts 2:4. The saints were built up and edified. The second Sunday of this meeting will be a memorable day with our people, because of the wonderful time we had with the Lord.

Brother Roy Blackwood delivered quite an interesting sermon at 11:30 A. M. subject, "Bearing His name," and five were added to the Church.

A large crowd witnessed the baptismal service at the close of the meeting, when five followed the Lord in water baptism.

At the close of the morning service the photographer, of Greenwood, made a picture of the old Brush Arbor and all present.

Kimble Lake is a new Church just set in order in last June, and it is six miles west of Cleveland, Miss. There are some true saints here and we are standing firm for the Church of God and her doctrines. The offerings and gifts for the workers at this place amounted to about \$112.00.

There is a great work to be done here yet. Pray for us. Reports, Willie Maud Standard, Charleston, Miss.

Just closed a three weeks meeting at Gate City, Ala. We had a hard fight, but won the victory in the name of Jesus. Fourteen were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. The saints danced and talked in tongues, and the altar was full in most every service. Hundreds gave their hands and said they were not satisfied with what they had, but wanted a deeper experience of grace.

The devil was stirred and our tent was burned, but praise God, we never lost a service. We had another tent in about three days and continued to fight the battle.

The work is established there and we believe it will stand till Jesus comes back to earth after His Bride. Praise God. The people are looking this way, and we are praying that many souls may come into the dear old Church of God.

We expect to go from here to Hellenbass Mines and run a meeting. This is another new field. Reports P. K. Watson and wife, 707-3rd St., Pratt City, Ala.

We praise God for what He has done for Sanford. We have closed a nine weeks meeting at Sanford, Fla. The Lord gave the victory and about forty received the baptism, besides those who were saved and sanctified. Twenty-five followed the Lord in water baptism. Twenty-seven were added to the Church. The devil worked mightily but we praised God, that He was almighty. Many were miraculously healed.

The first woman healed was Mrs. Forham, who could not walk. The doctor had been attending her. She had given up to die and called for the saints to pray for her. Praise God. About two hundred others were healed. God gave the victory in each case. Especial mention is made of Sister Sheldonia Sapp, the pastor's wife, Brother Elmo Bronson, and Sister Addie Bryant, who were seriously ill and God wonderfully raised them.

There came in to us a man from Center Hill who had leakage of the heart. Several doctors had given him up and God wonderfully healed him.

We praise God for Brother Griffin and his little band of six who were with us in the latter part of the meeting. They were members of the "Church of the First born," and two of them became members of the Church of God. We hope Brother Griffin will soon come into the Church. He worked many miracles. Some of his prophecies came true the same day he prophesied them and others came true later.

We want to praise God for our little eight year old sister, Lecta Carter, who received the baptism and prophesied in tongues and was the cause of many looking this way. We praise God for what He has done, what He is still doing and what He is going to do.

We had a vision of the dear old Church of God, which is located on

the top of the mountain and all others seem to be flocking into her;

We praise God for Sanford, and we thank Him for the people who would through the church nightly and daily to hear the Word, and to see. God worked in the midday meeting. As many as six received the Holy Ghost in one day.

We praise God for our dear beloved pastor, Brother G. C. Sapp, who stands and is known everywhere as the "Holiness Preacher." We praise God for all things.

From a sister in Christ,  
Susie Ruker.

Just closed a meeting at Lubbock, Tex. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way from the very beginning. The power began to fall and we had good crowds and good interest all the time. Four were saved, nine sanctified, eleven received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, twenty followed the Lord in water baptism, and twelve were added to the Church. Reports G. E. Anthony.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Our church here is on a boom for Jesus Christ. We have just had ten accessions to the church. God has been good, and has given us a new church building to worship in and a good piano. The saints are victorious and the power is falling in a marvelous way. Pray for us. Writes Mary D. Rouse, assistant pastor, Davisboro, Ga.

I want to praise God for what He is doing at Broxon, Ga. The work here has been almost dead and many times we were tempted to give up, as it was difficult to pay the rent, but the more the enemy tempted us, the harder we held on to God in prayer.

We could not bear the thought of the Church of God going down in defeat at this place. We kept fasting and praying until God began to work, and four received the Holy Ghost one night. Oh such power. We felt like taking off our shoes. The little band continued to hold prayer meetings twice each week and people would pray through to victory.

Our pastor went to Florida, and when he returned he found the Church on fire for God. There had been thirteen saved, fifteen sanctified, thirteen baptized with the Holy Ghost, one backslider reclaimed, sixteen followed the Lord in water baptism and nineteen were added to the Church of God. Oh! glory and honor be to Jesus. I never will get through praising God for what He has done for us.

This place is still rising and shining, the power is falling, the saints are handling hot lamp chimneys and coals of fire, dancing and playing the organ under the mighty power of God. Hallelujah! Satan is stirred but God will win the victory. Pray for God to give us a church house to worship in.

Mrs. B. R. Robinson,  
Box 217, Broxton, Ga.

The Lord has been with us in a wonderful way on the battlefield in West Texas this year. We have just closed a three weeks meeting in Plainview, Texas with great victory.

Plainview is one of the oldest Pentecostal towns in the state, where everything from the finished work to the one God theory, had been preached until people were so mixed, confused and disgusted, that they told me we could do nothing there. But we went in there with the truth and began to throw holiness bombshells into them.

The people began to roar and howl and look with wonder. We kept pouring the red hot gospel into them, a little stronger every night, until the daily paper took it up and called us holy rollers. Then the people flocked in until the crowds were estimated at 3,000 people. I have been told that there has been no conversions there for five or six years until this meeting. Five cried their way through to salvation, three were sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, and four added to the Church. And as it was in Paul's day, the whole city was left in an uproar. Thank God for the old time gospel.

We had our state overseer, Brother H. N. Scoggins, with us in three services. His messages were given out with victory and power, and were a great blessing to the people. God bless Brother Scoggins. We want him another year for our state overseer. He can't be beat. Reports G. E. Anthony.

We have just closed a meeting at Onville, La. in which we had wonderful success. Attendance was good. Three were saved, two received the Holy Ghost and three followed the Lord in water baptism. The saints were wonderfully edified and built up. The last day of the meeting we observed the Lord's Supper and feet washing, and left the saints shouting the victory.

Bro. Richards was with us the last of the meeting and gave us some wonderful messages. Sister Effie Nickles was with us and rendered good help. Also Brother Bennie Erwin.

We also held a meeting at Sharp's Tabernacle, where we had a hard battle. The devil had all the preachers and saints so confused, that we decided to wait upon the Lord until he was defeated. After three weeks of hard praying, God gave the victory. Seven were filled with the Holy Ghost, and several saved and sanctified. Three came into the church and seven were baptized in water.

We closed a meeting some time ago at Shepherd Fold. Four received the Holy Ghost and a number were convicted and came crying to the altar. So the Lord has blessed the work in Louisiana in spite of the enemy.

Your humble brother and sister,  
Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Brown.

## Illinois State Meeting

This meeting was held at West Frankfort, Ill. Sept. 21-23, 1923. Bro. D. P. Barnett, Overseer of Ill., in charge.

The meeting began Friday morning, and closed on Sunday night. The Lord blessed our Illinois ministers in giving out the Word. We are all for the Church of God with headquarters at Cleveland, Tenn. Illinois sure has something to be proud of. All her ministers are standing firm for the Church of God.

Oh my! how our hearts did rejoice Sunday morning. The Eldorado, Ill. brass band came over and rendered such excellent music.

Right now I must say Hurray! Hurray! for the Church of God in Illinois!

Sarah Bowyes, clerk,  
309 W. Maine St., W. Frankfort, Ill.

## Rally Day Report

Our rally day program was carried out on Oct. 7th. and was a great success. People began to gather at 8:00 A. M. and by 9:30 the house was full to overflowing. After music, songs and prayer, Brother Letsinger taught the Sunday school lesson from the platform.

We then had exercises by the children, consisting of songs, drills, and recitations which were appropriate and very impressive. Sister M. Martin, Sister Lula Smith and Mr. York gave some special music on the organ, violin and guitar which was greatly enjoyed by all.

We were glad to see so many visitors from different places: Crab Orchard, Harrison, Knoxville, Concord, Philadelphia, Sweetwater, Hiwassee and probably other places.

After the Sunday school exercises Brother Letsinger preached a sermon on True Giving, text Jno. 2:5, which stirred the hearts of the people, opened up pocket books and resulted in the church debt being paid with several dollars over. The power of the Lord was manifested and the saints shouted, danced and talked in tongues. Praise the Lord!

At 12:30 dinner was served and every one enjoyed a feast of good things to eat.

At 2:30 P. M. the Dedicatory service was held. Sermon by Brother Letsinger, Scripture readings 2 Chron. 2:1-6, Deut. 20:5, 2 Chron. 2:4. The house of worship was given to the Lord with uplifted hands at 3:00 P. M. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way.

Songs and testimonies ended the days program. Two were added to the Church.

We thank everybody for their good attention and their liberal offerings, and extend to all an invitation to come again.

Etta Volles, Lenoir City, Tenn.

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## Who Shall Be Able to Stand

Only those who have been saved, and have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. Only those whose garments are without spot of wrinkle will be ready to go with Jesus when He comes. "If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?"

To profess to know Jesus in His fullness means much. We must be sanctified from the world, and abstain from the appearance of evil. Paul says, "that women adorn themselves in modest apparel with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But, (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works." Then we should not put on low neck and short sleeve dresses, but dress as becometh the children of God, so when the unsaved folks look at us they will know we are God's children zealous of good works. Hallelujah for victory over these things.

I am glad that I was shown through the word of God, what it means to have Jesus in His fullness. "Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life." We must become small, and keep humble and obey His commandments, then He will lead us into a deeper life in His service.

The sanctified heart brings love, joy, peace, faith, hope, meekness, and long suffering.

The baptism of the Holy Ghost endues us with power for service, power to cast out devils and lay hands on the sick that they may recover; and brings to our remembrance

the things Jesus said and did. The Holy Ghost is my teacher to lead me into the deeper things of God. I am glad I counted the cost and paid the price.

It will take a sanctified heart and the baptism of the Holy Ghost to enable us to stand.

Let us pray more for one another, Bertha G. Shideler, evangelist, Muncie, Ind.

## REQUEST

Please pray that my husband will get full salvation and be what the Lord would have him to be, and that my children will come into this holiness way.

Mrs. Bud Hunter, Sparta, Tenn.

## NOTICES

The Church of God at Ware Shoals, S. C. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Sister Almer Henson. If anyone knows where she is please notify me. W. J. Davis, class leader.

The Church of God at Dora, Ala. bama, desires to express their appreciation for the stand Brother Thad Richards has taken.

We now have more confidence in him than ever.

Shellie Wilson,  
Church Clerk.

Since the death of the Clerk and Treasurer of the Church of God at Pleasant Grove, Miss. the Church was called to conference by our State Overseer, Brother E. Haynes; and I was appointed Clerk and Treasurer. Mrs. Corine Rowe, Embury, Miss.

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